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If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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ODDS AND ENDS

A Batch of Matter the Same, but
Different.

The Talisman that Proves the
World Akin.

In the New York Sunday Journal
is an advertisement of "A lucky stone free." It seems that
for a stamp they will send you a
piece of the wonderful stone, "Ojo de Beny" which on being
worn on the person, changes your
luck and keeps it good.

You find opportunity to make
much money; your health remains
good; and your friends do not go
back on you. You become a fa-
vourite of fortune—all for two
cents.

A Boston man sends a testimonial
most cheerfully of how his
luck changed within an hour after
he had received an Ojo de Beny.
Money flowed in on him and he
has not been hard up since.

We suppose there is something in it
because the very fact that a
man wears a lucky stone indicates
a desire to succeed which is indis-
pensable to success.

We carry a buckeye ourselves to
ward off the rheumatics and think
it no shame and we are about to
relate a somewhat curious circum-
stance in connection therewith.

The writer was on the train the
other day and made a smoking
room acquaintance with a young
man from New York City, who
had work in the offices of the con-
tractors who are building the
great subway. After exchanging
the news of our various neighbor-
hoods, we went into the dining
car to get something to eat and
sat down at a table with a very
dignified gentleman who was act-
ing somewhat queerly. That
gentleman soon informed us that
he was from South Carolina and
that his name was Gravely, and
that his mother's maiden name
was Grandison. I gathered from
his manner of saying it that the
Grandisons were some pumpkins
in the dirt red dawn of man.

This gentleman after a time
reached in his pocket and pro-
duced a buckeye which he said he
carried for rheumatism, whereupon
the man from New York, and the
writer from West Virginia, each
produced a buckeye from their
jeans, similar buckeyes, worn to
keep a man from harm.

POST OFFICE FRAUDS.

Congress insisted on investigating
the post office until the post
office department got tired and
turned in a report implicating
some of the Congressmen. It
seems that Congressmen get some-
thing after the manner of a rake-
off.

We can very well imagine a
Congressmen elected to this high
office after a most remarkable
campaign. He is only in for two
years at a salary of five thousand
dollars and he has perhaps spent
four times that amount in being
elected. A politician's money
comes like water and goes like the
wind.

After the election is over and
the excitement of the game
dies away, the Congressman finds
that he has gotten a place that
means hard slavish work and not
too much pay. He then regrets
the fearful expenditures that he
made in the heat of the campaign
to insure his election.

Suppose at such a time with the
notes of his campaign coming due
and being gleefully protested by
the hard hearted notaries, that
there had been a change in the ad-
ministration, and every post office
in his district was about to change
hands with a half dozen candidates
for each office.

All these gentlemen come to
Washington and camp on his trail.
Then what would be more natural
than for the harassed Congress-
man to have it brought home to
these would be postmasters that
his election expenses have been
very heavy and that if they are to
share in the result it would be
well for them to contribute. This
has been read four times already.

For the poor distressed
politician could then get back
some of the bread that he had cast
upon the waters.

We do not mean to insinuate
that any Congressman ever did
this but simply to show how easy
it could be done.

NEAR BIG UGLY.

A commercial traveler told us
the other day about a novel saloon
he saw near Big Ugly on the
Guyan River.

On a barrel top near a clump
of trees, were displayed for sale
a number of bottles of whiskey,
ranging in size from the half pint
flask of the stainless character to
the ponderous quart bottle of the
Bull of the Woods.

The prices were marked on the
bottles and any one desiring to
purchase laid down a coin of the
proper denomination and took
the goods.

It seems that it would be easy
to take a bottle of the whiskey
and leave nothing in place there-
of, but a neer to do well who
tried it found that he became in-
volved in a most innocent way in
a bloody quarrel before he left
town and had to be shot by a na-
tive tough in self defense.

Since then the customers have
shown all the fair marks of honest
dealing when they patronize the
saloon.

THE RATZIVAN.

In the difficulties near Port
Arthur the big Russian battleship
The Ratzivan, has played a conspicu-
ous part. This battleship has been
blown up and destroyed and then
came to life again half a dozen of times.

We have kept up with the Rat-
zivan pretty closely because he,
she or it, is the only battleship
the writer has ever seen.

One morning about day break
some years ago we were coming
down one of the streets of Brook-
lyn in the factory district next to
the navy yard about daylight.
Streams of factory hands of both
sexes were setting in all direc-
tions, the men taking a hasty
smoke as they walked along or
linger until the last moment
around the main entrance of the
factory.

Across the river lay New York
and as we looked in that direction
we caught sight suddenly of the
great battleship in a dry dock in
the government navy yard. The
great ship loomed up in that flat
country and looked in the misty
light like a hill rising out of level
land. As the light grew stronger
it was easy to distinguish the
different parts of the war vessel.

Upon examining the enemy's
position, General Jackson seems
to have concluded that to dis-
lodge his enemy would require a
greater sacrifice of men, than the
benefits of the achievement would
justify. Thereupon he discreetly
declined an assault. The wearied
troops were permitted to spend
Monday as a time for rest.

An order for convening the
soldiers for public worship to
render thanks to God for crow-
ning their arms with victory.

The scene that presented itself
upon that impressive occasion was
one but rarely witnessed even in
those times of strange and stirring
events. The day was one of rare
beauty and serenity. Not a cloud
intervened between the warrior
worshippers and the sky, a beau-
tiful token that the eye of Him
whose throne is in heaven would
see and incline his ears to the
voice of their thanksgivings.

Praises and supplications at this
solemnly portentous hour.

It was in those good old days
when county officers often took
drinks of liquor to lessen the
strain during court and this clerk
would write awhile and then retire
and take a drink. A lot of
worthless lawyers were hanging
around and whenever he would
go out would replace the order
appointing the trustees on top of
the pile of unentered orders.
The clerk when he returned would
enter up that order again and this
occurred until the order had been
entered five times.

The next morning the orders
were read in open court and the
clerk kept reading an order begin-
ning: "In the matter of the
Trustees of the Hebrew Church."
After four readings of this order
Judge Holt requested the clerk to
read it again and this occurred
until the order had been read four
times already.

HOW STONEWALL

JACKSON PRAYED

An Army Thanksgiving Service
over the Victory at McDowell

Held in Face of the Federal Who
Retreated to Franklin.

The unionists on the night after
the battle of McDowell withdrew
so secretly that there were union
soldiers on picket, that did not
know whether Gen. Milroy had
gone towards Staunton or Mor-
tgomery.

Early in the morning several
persons from the immediate vi-
cinity, came in to hear the result
of the battle and were standing
near the church trying to make
out the direction taken by the
Federals and had decided from
what they saw and heard, that the
Union army was pursuing the
Confederates toward Staunton.

A squad of union cavalry came
up the Bull Pasture at double
quick and inquired the way the
army had gone. The citizens
were in the act of directing them
to cross the bridge and follow on,
when at the instant a detachment
of Ashby's cavalry came dashing
down to the bridge and suddenly
wheel about.

Christmas Malcomb an aged
citizen one of the party at the
church made signs to them which
was recognized and one stopped
and waited until the old citizen
could come to him. He informed
the scout that the enemy's camp
was empty, not a yankee could be
seen except seven or eight who
had been out on picket down the
river and were not called in and
they did not know where their
army had gone to.

The trooper hastened to his
comrades and soon the whole
squadron returned and took pos-
session of the deserted camp in
the name of the Confederate gov-
ernment, when the bewildered
pickets saw Christmas Malcomb
cross the bridge and talk to the
scout that was waiting, they knew
their men had not gone east, and
they started for the woods at full
speed in the rear of the church and
disappeared. They were soon
intercepted and captured by the
cavalry in the direction of Mon-
tgomery. In a few hours thereafter,
the Confederates forces estimated
at twelve thousand began pursuit
as far as Franklin in Pendleton
County in the direction of Mon-
tgomery.

The General in command of
that victorious band, led in prayer
and in the giving of thanks for
victory upon this impressive and
memorable occasion. This noble
but humble man, never appeared
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The man who on the plains of
Manassas received with undau-
ting front and gave recoil to the
impetuosity of one of the
proudest and most pretentious
armies ever rallied beneath any
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means resistless energy and un-
sullied purity of character, now
stood with uncovered head in
the presence of his God and prays in
spirit and in truth, "God be merciful
to us sinners, and in thy mercy deign to make us
worthy veterans worshipping
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What follows between these
two is rather long for this article.
It may be told in the next and
our readers will be able to see for
themselves how things might be
whipped around the stump in
sad and sorrowful war times.

W. T. P.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Pursuant to a decree of the
Circuit Court of Pocahontas
County, West Virginia, entered
at the October Term, 1903, in
the chancery cause therein pend-
ing of J. S. and J. B. Smith vs.
J. W. Campbell and others, the
undersigned special commissioners
will

Tuesday, April 5, 1904
at the front door of the court
house of Pocahontas County pro-
ceed to sell at public auction the
highest bidder the following real
estate situated in the village of
Hillsboro in said county, consisting
of two lots adjoining containing
42 acres being the same land
conveyed to J. W. Campbell by
J. S. and J. B. Smith by deed
dated Nov. 1, 1902 of record in
said county in Deed Book No.
33 at page 248. This land has
on it two dwelling houses and
other improvements.

Terms of sale: So much cash
in hand as will pay costs of suit
and expenses of sale and \$866.66
with interest from November 1,
1902; the residue in two equal
installments with interest, falling
due on March 1, 1905 and March
1, 1906, respectively the pur-
chaser executing bonds with good
security the title to be retained
by the vendor.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Pursuant to a decree of the
Circuit Court of Pocahontas
County, West Virginia, do here-
by certify that the above named
special commissioners have executed
a bond in the penalty of \$3000.00
as such special commissioners.

F. R. Hill,
Special Commissioner.

I. J. H. Patterson, Clerk of
the Circuit Court of Pocahontas
County, West Virginia, do here-
by certify that the above named
special commissioners have executed
a bond in the penalty of \$3000.00
as such special commissioners.

J. H. Patterson, Clerk,